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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9878

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EIND, JA

SUBJ: RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS OF SHORT SUPPLY ITEMS

REF: A. TOKYO 16469

B. TOKYO 847

C. STATE 23940

D. STATE 23965

E. STATE 22871

1. AS REPORTED REF B, WITH EXCEPTION OF POL PRODUCTS, GOJ HAS TAKEN NO LEGAL STEPS TO LIMIT EXPORTS OF SCARCE INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS. IN NOVEMBER 1973 GOJ ADVISED OIL COMPANIES THAT CONTRACTS FOR EXPORT OF POL PRODUCTS SIGNED IN OR AFTER NOV. 1973 WOULD NOT BE APPROVED FOR EXPORT LICENSE. CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO PRIOR TO NOV. 1973 WILL BE HONORED AND EXPORT LICENSES GRANTED.

2. WHILE IT HAS TAKEN NO LEGAL STEPS TO LIMIT EXPORTS OF ITEMS IN SHORT SUPPLY ON DOMESTIC MARKET, GOJ HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS URGED INDUSTRY NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGH INTERNATIONAL PRICE OF SOME COMMODITIES AND INCREASE EXPORTS AT THE EXPENSE OF DOMESTIC CONSUMERS. STEEL INDUSTRY IN PARTICULAR

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HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF SUCH URGING BY GOVT. MAIN THRUST OF THESE

EXHORTATIONS BY GOJ HAS BEEN TO LIMIT EXPORTS TO TRADITIONAL LEVELS. GOVT, IN MAKING SUCH REQUESTS, HAS BEEN RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC PRESSURE TO LIMIT INFLATION.

3. IN REF A EMBASSY SUPPLIED LIST OF ITEMS CURRENTLY UNDER QUANTITATIVE EXPORT RESTRAINT WITH REGARD TO U.S. MARKET (NONE OF THESE ITEMS WERE OR ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY) THESE RESTRAINTS IMPOSED AT REQUEST OF U.S.G. OR INDUSTRY AND NOT UNILATERALLY BY GOJ.

4. EMBASSY CONTINUES HOLD VIEW, EXPRESSED IN REF B, THAT GOJ WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO IMPOSE EXPORT CONTROLS ON SHORT SUPPLY ITEMS DUE CONCERN THAT JAPAN'S SUPPLIERS WOULD USE SUCH GOJ CONTROLS AS PRECEDENT FOR LIMITING SUPPLIES OF NEEDED MATERIALS TO JAPAN.  
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